

The Library

Lowell National Historical Park
National Park Service
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The Library is the research center for Lowell National Historical Park. It supports the Park in its mission "to preserve and interpret the nationally significant historical and cultural sites, structures, and districts" in the city "for the benefit and inspiration of present and future generations..." (PL 95-290).

The Park tells the story of mills, canals, textiles, labor, business, architecture, immigrants and neighborhoods. It has been critical in the revitalization of an industrial city through preservation and appreciation of the history of its community.

The Collection in the Library reflects the work of the Park. We are continually adding new materials.

The Library's primary users include Park interpreters, historians, educators, and curatorial staff and Lowell National Historical Park's partners in the Boott Mills (The Tsongas Industrial History Center, Cultural Resources Center, and the New England Folklife Center). Staff may call upon the Library for literature and web searches, research assistance, and interlibrary loan. The Library is their link to other libraries in the city, in the National Park System, and the global library and information network.

The Public may use the collection for its specialized research needs. Access is available on a non-circulating basis weekdays by appointment.



*The Library is part of the
National Park Service Library
System*

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Boott Cotton Mills Museum
400 Foot of John Street
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*"And the fame of the circulating libraries, that were soon opened, drew them and kept them there, when no other inducement would have been sufficient." Harriet H. Robinson, *Loom and Spindle or Life Among the Early Mill Girls**

The Collection includes:

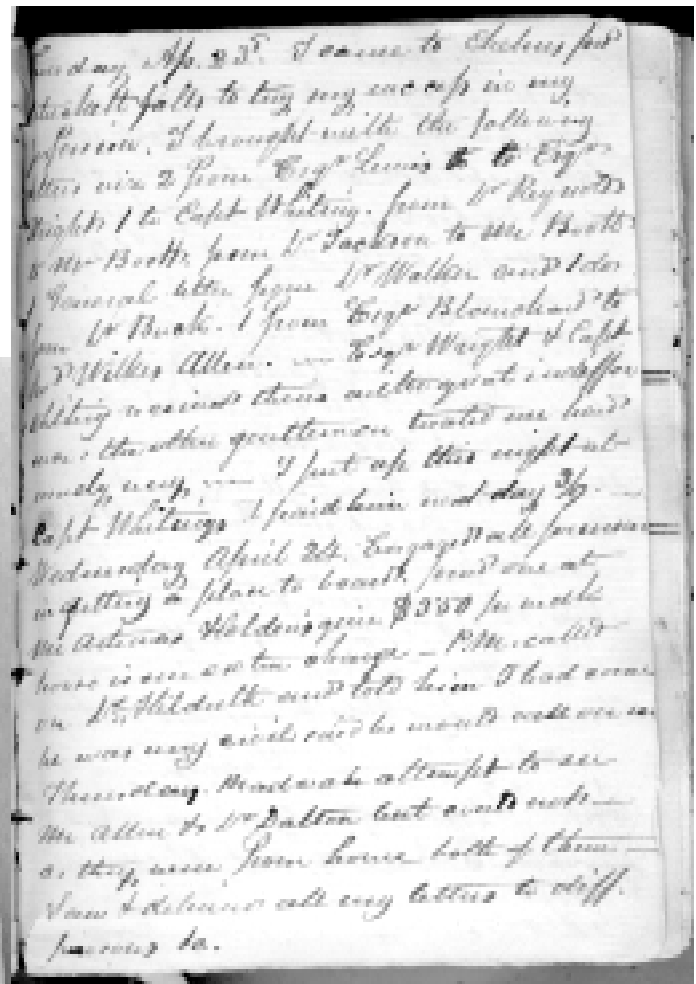
- 2500 books with strengths in Lowell history, business & technology, women's, social & labor history, waterpower, historic preservation, museum administration, public history, and urban development
- Oral histories of immigrants, mill workers and managers
- Letters of mill workers, their families and friends*
- The diaries of Dr. John Orne Green*
- Lowell newspaper clippings & Vertical Files with subject index covering the Park and life in Lowell and related subjects
- Park development and management reports
- Proprietors of Locks and Canals drawings, photos, memoranda, etc.*
- Historical and archaeological studies of significant buildings and districts in Lowell

**The Library is an access point for other Collections in the Park*

We are currently working on making our catalog available on the internet.



Frontispiece, *Lucy Larcom: Life, Letters and Diary*, by Daniel Dulaney Addison



John O. Green's Diary, April 23, 1822

Volunteers provide a valuable service in the Library in the areas of reference and cataloging. Call for more information.